



Dear Neighbor,

The 2026 legislative session focused on **protecting Connecticut from the Trump administration's daily economic whiplash** – as well as other vital issues like **protecting democracy, making life affordable for working families, funding our schools, and a state budget that delivers for Stamford and our state's future.**

I was proud to enact the will of the voters by co-authoring and leading passage of **Absentee Voting for All**, and the strongest state law in the country **protecting our elections from interference.** We made **historic investments** in police, fire, EMS, veterans, teachers, and health care workers. We continued our historic work **to make childcare affordable** for every family.

We also continued our commitment to responsible budgeting **by prepaying another \$1 billion of long-term debt, increasing our emergency federal response fund** by \$50 million, and **topping up our Rainy-Day Fund.**

This newsletter has more details about the legislation we passed and key policy initiatives from the 2026 session.

Sincerely,

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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PROTECTING AND EXPANDING DEMOCRACY

I was proud to co-author and help lead passage of nation-leading legislation expanding democracy and protecting our rights from abuses by the Trump administration. These laws:

- **Implemented Absentee Voting for All** with modernized processes, including tracking and ballot curing.
- **Barred ICE, troops, or other federal agents from within 250 feet of the polls** and key elections sites unless authorized by elections officials, plus new protections against intimidation and interference.
- **Deterred lawless federal conduct** by providing strong state-level criminal and civil liability for federal agents who violate the law or people's rights.
- Ensured the safety of our communities by **establishing key spaces protected against immigration enforcement** without a judicial warrant.

INCREASING AFFORDABILITY

Rising costs are hammering Connecticut families. To address these challenges, we:

- Provided **\$100 million in new municipal aid to prevent property-tax increases.**
- Made **most school supplies tax-free.**
- Created a **family caregiver tax credit** for residents caring for a loved one.
- **Capped the taxable value of older cars.**
- **Banned surveillance pricing** in stores and on most delivery apps.

INCREASING AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

All Connecticut residents deserve affordable, quality healthcare. To help ensure this, we:

- Ensured our state can **review and negotiate lower prescription drug prices.**
- Imposed strict new controls to **prevent unethical private-equity firms from degrading our hospital systems for profit.**
- **Protected nursing homes against private-equity owners putting profits over patients.**



INVESTING IN YOUTH AND FAMILIES

- Provided \$12 million for **universal free school breakfast programs across the state.**
- Established a **program to provide affordable childcare for all** by investing \$320 million in the Early Childhood Education Endowment Fund.
- Made **major new investments in our schools** through our state school funding formula.



INVESTING IN STAMFORD

- **\$36,663,498 in total state budgetary funding**
- **\$22,003,161 in education funding**
- \$7,000,000 for the Grove Head Start facility
- \$6,000,000 for St. John Towers demolition
- \$1,718,440 in aid to town roads
- \$1,154,179 in municipal grants-in-aid
- **\$434,800,000 in state school-construction funding**